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Winter Sports

Skiing competition is held throughout the winter months at all major slopes in Maine. A complete list of Maine ski meets is available by writing the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association, 20 Main Street, Littleton, New Hampshire. Winter Carnivals are held at all major ski areas during the third week in January.

Snowmobile races and rallies for all ages and classes are held every week throughout the winter. For information contact: Maine Snowmobile Association, P.O. Box 14, East Winthrop, Maine.

Sled dog races are another popular winter event in Maine. A complete schedule of sled dog races is available by writing: Race Manager, Maine Sled Dog Association, R.F.D. No. 1, Bangor, Maine.

Miscellaneous Events

The Maine Publicity Bureau's, "Calendar of Events," covering the summer and early fall seasons, contains the most complete listing of diversified Maine activities available. Items listed vary from unusual events such as railroad excursions to hunter's breakfasts, gem and mineral exhibits, and historic home tours, to mention but a few.

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOURCES

Publications Mentioned in This Folder:

State of Maine Calendar of Events - Maine Publicity Bureau

Cultural Heritage and Horizons - Maine Commission on Arts and Humanities, State House, Augusta, Maine 04330

Museums - Vacation Planner No. 17 - Maine Department of Economic Development

Other Information and Publications about Maine:

Maine Department of Economic Development
State House, Augusta, Maine 04330

Maine Publicity Bureau
78 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102

State of Maine Information Center
48 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N. Y. 10020

State of Maine Information Center
Laurentien Hotel, Dominion, Montreal, Canada

Other Information Centers:

Jct. of U.S. Rt. 1 & Me. Turnpike, Kittery, Maine

Bass Park, Bangor, Maine

U.S. Rt. 302, Fryeburg, Maine (summer only)

Maine Turnpike, North
Cumberland, Maine (summer only)

Internat'l Bridge, Calais, Maine (summer only)

All local Chamber of Commerce Offices

VACATIONLAND ... ACTIONLAND!

A four-season vacationland, the Pine Tree State is also a land of festivals, sporting events, and celebrations of many varieties, so visitors will almost surely find scheduled activities which appeal to their particular interests.

For good eating in the downeast tradition, there are seafood, beanhole bean, and broiler festivals, plus a number of public suppers scheduled by churches and social organizations.

Maine's annual sporting events are fun both for spectators and participants: boat races and fishing derbies – for which Maine is famous – and harness horse racing, flat racing, and stock car racing; at least 20 annual golf tourneys; winter snowmobile and sled dog races; and many other sport contests year 'round.

For the culturally minded, Maine offers great summer theater, art galleries and exhibits, concerts and museums.

But Maine's recreational activities are not all centered around scheduled events. While salt-water sport fishing can be done most any time of year, fresh-water fishing comes in spring and into the summer. Summertime also brings boating, swimming, water skiing and other water fun; and the golfer is attracted by more than 90 courses, many of them very scenic. Fall brings the hunting season; and winter covers the Maine ski slopes with plenty of snow and just enough people for enjoyment. It's good that snowmobile trails are increasing rapidly in Maine because so are the number of people coming with their snow vehicles. Naturally! What better place than Maine could they find? – for snowmobiling -- or any of these other fun doings!

THIS VACATION PLANNER
is one of a series prepared by the Maine Department of Economic Development. It is designed to provide general information concerning major events and celebrations held in Maine. No attempt has been made to list all events. To do so would be beyond the scope of this brochure. Likewise, there has been no attempt at listing specific dates. Only approximate times have been indicated. For more definite information and specific dates, the reader is referred to the Publications Section of this brochure.

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The following Vacation Planners are available from the Maine Department of Economic Development:

No. 1. Activities in Maine	No. 15. Camping
No. 2. Antiques and Auctions	No. 16. Camps
No. 3. Whitewater Canoeing	No. 17. Museums
No. 4. Flatwater Canoeing	No. 18. Art
No. 5. Hunting	No. 19. Boats and Sailing
No. 6. Saltwater Fishing	No. 20. Birds, Flowers & Insects
No. 7. Freshwater Fishing	No. 21. Summer Theaters
No. 8. Rest Sites	No. 22. Coastal Cruises
No. 9. Minerals & Gems	No. 23. Covered Bridges
No. 10. Skiing	No. 24. Baxter State Park
No. 11. Snowmobiling	No. 25. Hiking and Cycling
No. 12. Fall Foliage	No. 26. Lighthouses
No. 13. Golf	No. 27. State Parks
No. 14. Mt. Climbing	No. 28. Historic Sites

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MAJOR FESTIVALS AND ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

Maine Seafoods Festival - Held in Rockland the first weekend in August, this gala 3-day affair attracts some 20,000 persons annually. Highlights are crowning of the Maine Sea Goddess, parade, outdoor serving of seafood, displays, professional entertainment.

Yarmouth Clam Festival - A 3-day festival held the third weekend in July. Beauty pageant, parade, serving of Maine soft-shell clams in all forms, church bazaars, auction, arts and crafts.

Windjammer Days - A gala event featuring the rendezvous of old schooners at Boothbay Harbor. This event is held the second week of July and runs for three days. Other attractions are street parades, contests, outdoor serving of seafood.

Maine Broiler Festival - Held in city park at Belfast, this one-day festival features a giant chicken barbecue, exhibits, beauty pageant, and professional entertainment.

Maine Potato Blossom Festival - Fort Fairfield, third week in July. Takes place when potato blossoms bloom in Aroostook County. Potato Queen Contest, parade, dinner, and golf tournament are some of the attractions.

Maple Festival - Held in Strong the latter part of April. Attractions include sugar on snow, Maple Queen Coronation, parade, agricultural dinner.

Maine Blueberry Festival - Held in conjunction with Union Fair the third week in August. Pie eating contest, Maine Blueberry Queen pageant, sales of fresh and frozen blueberries and blueberry products.

Annual Lobster Festival & Lobsterboat Races - Winter Harbor. Held at Frazier's Point in Acadia National Park during the first week in August. One day only. Outdoor eating of Maine lobster plus races.

Beanhole Bean Festival - Oxford County Fairgrounds, Norway. Delicious beanhole bean feast which attracts over 3,000 persons. Usually held the last Saturday in July.

Annual Indian Pageant - Held at Indian Island, Old Town. Indian ceremonial dances, canoe races, tour of historic sites. Held final weekend in July.

Corn Festival - Skowhegan. Sales of fresh corn on the cob. Local merchants tie in with festivities. Square dancing and chicken barbecue. Held in late August.

Lumberjack Festivals - Several celebrations of this type are held each year as a salute to Maine's logging industry. Woodsmen compete in log rolling, canoe tilting, and tree cutting contests.

Schooner Days - Three-day weekend celebration at Camden in early August. Camden is the home port for most of the old-time sailing vessels now active in the vacation cruise trade.

Old Hallowell Days - Annual pageant by townspeople of this historic river town on the Kennebec, famed for its granite quarries, beautiful old homes, and antique and craft shops. Held the third week of July.

ANTIQUES AND AUCTIONS

Scarborough - Annual Antique Show & Sale, Junior High School	Mid July
Ellsworth - Annual Auction, Fellowship Hall	Mid July
Dresden - Yankee Peddler Day, Pownalborough Court House	Early August
Camden - Annual Antique Show, High School Gym	Late July-Early August
Kennebunk - Annual Antique Fair, Town Hall	Early August
Bath - Antique Show & Sale	3rd week Aug
Augusta - Kiwanis Auction, Armory	3rd week Sept

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Ocean Park - Annual Sidewalk Arts & Crafts Show	3rd week July
Rangeley - Art & Craft Exhibit	LateJuly-EarlyAug
Lincolnville - Annual Arts & Crafts Show, Red Barn	Early-mid Aug (2 weeks)
Cumberland - United Maine Craftsmen Exposition, Fairgrounds	Mid August
Auburn - Central Maine Arts & Craft Guild Annual Christmas Sale	Late November

MUSIC & ART

Maine is replete with art galleries and museums too numerous to mention here. The booklet, "Cultural Heritage and Horizons," published by the Maine Commission on Arts and Humanities, provides complete information on events of this nature. See also Vacation Planner Number 17, "Museums," available from the Maine Department of Economic Development. Maine Colleges present a number of cultural programs and art exhibits throughout the year. Several of the outstanding events in the field of music and art are as follows:

Portland - WCSH-TV Sidewalk Art Festival	August
Portland - Festival of the Arts (Music, theater, art exhibits)	August
Bar Harbor - Arts Festival (Ballet, concerts, soloists, exhibits)	August
Kennebunk - Cultural Program and Annual Festival	August
Hancock - Pierre Monteux Forest Studio Concert Series	Selected dates in August

MAINE SUMMER THEATERS

Boothbay Playhouse	Boothbay
Brunswick Music Theater	Brunswick
Deertrees Theater	Harrison
Kennebunkport Playhouse	Kennebunkport
Lakewood Theater	Madison
Ogunquit Players	Ogunquit
University of Maine	Orono
Downeast Players - Ram Island Art Center	Cape Elizabeth
Cape Playhouse	Fort Williams
York Harbor Music Theater	York Harbor

MAINE FAIRS

Bangor State Fair, Inc.	* Bangor	LateJuly-EarlyAug
Northern Maine Fair Association	* Presque Isle	August
Pittston Fair Association	East Pittston	August
Skowhegan State Fair	* Skowhegan	August
Knox County Agricultural Society	* Union	August
York County Agricultural Ass'n	Acton	August
Piscataquis Valley Fair Association	Dover-Foxcroft	August
So. Kennebec Agricultural Society	* Windsor	August
Hancock Agricultural Society	Blue Hill	August
No. Penobscot Agricultural Society	Springfield	Late Aug-Early Sept
Litchfield Farmer's Club	Litchfield	September
Oxford County Agricultural Society	Oxford	September
Central Maine Fair Association	* Lewiston	September
Cochnewagen Agricultural Ass'n	Monmouth	September
Franklin County Agricultural Ass'n	* Farmington	September
New Portland Lions Club Agricultural Fair	North New Portland	September
Cumberland Farmer's Club	* CumberlandCtr	September
World's Fair Association, Inc.	N. Waterford	September
West Oxford Agricultural Society	* Fryeburg	LateSept-EarlyOct
Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society	* Topsham	October
Smithfield Fair	Smithfield	October

*Harness Horse Racing with Pari-Mutuel Betting

Extended harness racing meets with pari-mutuel betting are held at Bangor, Lewiston, Presque Isle, Scarborough and Skowhegan prior to, and following the Maine fair season, beginning in March and ending in mid November.

Horse Racing (Flat Racing) Pari-Mutuel Betting

Scarborough Downs	Scarborough	Late June - September

SPORTING EVENTS

Sporting events of all kinds have traditionally been a part of the Maine scene. Some of the more prominent are listed here according to the type of activity. Further information on this subject is contained in the "State of Maine Calendar of Events" available from the Maine Publicity Bureau. See Publications Section.

Boat Races

Kittery Point - Whaleback Ocean Race, every Saturday at Yacht Club	All summer
Kittery Point - Small craft races, every Sunday at Yacht Club	All summer
Jonesport - World's Championship Lobsterboat Races	July 4
Friendship - Annual Sloop Races	Last week July
Falmouth - Monhegan Yacht Race at Yacht Club	2nd week Aug
Castine - Retired Skipper's Race	Mid August

Fishing Tourneys

Biddeford - Annual Striped Bass Derby	Last week June
Kennebunk - Fishing Derby	3rd week July-mid Aug
Bailey Island - Tuna Tourney	Latter part of July
Boothbay Harbor - Tuna Tournament	Thru Aug

Golf Tournaments

Maine Amateurs Golf Championship	July
Spudland Open Golf Tournament Held at Aroostook County location	July
Maine Open	August
Jordan Open	August
Lakewood Invitational	August
Women's State Golf Association Championship	August
Maine State Professional Golfer's Championship	September

Stock Car Racing

One of the nation's fastest growing spectator sports is enjoyed throughout the Pine Tree State at racing ovals ranging from 2,000 to 13,000 seating capacity. Nearly all of the tracks are a third of a mile in distance and have hot top surfaces. Strict safety codes protect not only the spectators but the drivers as well. The stock car racing season starts in the spring and continues through early fall into October at all tracks. Listed are the major tracks and their locations.

Oxford Plains, Oxford
Spud Speedway, Caribou
Wiscasset Speedway, Wiscasset
Arundel Speedway, Arundel
Winterport Dragway, Winterport
Unity Raceway, Unity
Speedway 95, Bangor
Beech Ridge, Scarborough
Ellsworth Speedway, Ellsworth

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